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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-26, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter set
forth therein.

Kindly add the following new claims:

34. The bed of claim 27, wherein the display screen comprises a liquid crystal
display configured to display graphics.

35. The bed of claim 27, further comprising patient control buttons coupled to a
bed side of the siderail, the patient control buttons configured for use by a person supported
on the deck.

36. The bed of claim 35, wherein the patient control buttons are angled toward a
head end of the deck.

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